assessment of the result of field trials and necessary modifications, the device would be considered for installation on trains, taking into account cost implications and subject to availability of funds.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c).

Purchase of Locomotives under BOLT Scheme

2104. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the purchase of 49 AC/DC locomotives under Build, Own, Lease and Transfer (BOLT) scheme would result in the outgo of funds to the tune of Rs. 811.91 crore;

(b) whether it is a fact that replacement of those locomotives under Depreciation Reserve Fund, where funds were available, have cost only Rs. 292.04 crore; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) The purchase is for 53 locomotives and not 49. In purchase of these 53 locomotives, the sum total of instalments of payments, spread over 20 years, would be Rs. 811.91 crores.

(b) It is not a fact that these locomotives are to be replaced at a cost of Rs. 292.04 crores under Depreciation Reserve Fund (DRF). Procurement of the electric locomotives whether on additional or on replacement account are only financed from capital. It had been evaluated that Railways would have ended up paying more if money was borrowed from Indian Railways Finance Corporation instead of going through the Build, Own, Lease and Transfer (BOLT) scheme.

(c) Does not arise.

Transplantation Centre in Hyderabad

2105. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Science and Technology has come forward to help in setting up a transplantation centre in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have agreed to provide all types of facilities and financial help for setting up of this centre;

(c) if so, what is the total cost of this project;

(d) how much financial assistance the centre has agreed to provide; and

(e) what would be the main functions of this centre ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT) : (a) to (e) The Technology Development Board (TDB) in the Department of Science and Technology have agreed to provide a loan of Rs. 950 lakhs, against the estimated project cost of Rs. 2400 lakhs, to an industrial concern for establishing an organ transplantation centre in Hyderabad. The promoters and the NRI associates of the industrial concern have agreed to provide Rs. 800 lakhs by way of promoters' contribution. The balance funds required for creating the centre are provided by the financial institution and bank. The main functions of the centre would be to develop transplantation facilities for liver, kidney, pancreas, bone marrow and allied specialities.

Biotech Parks in Ludhiana

2106. SHRI LAJPAT RAI : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether world-class biotech parks are being planned in different cities;

(b) whether Government propose to have such high-tech parks in Ludhiana, keeping in view the industrial growth of the city; and

(c) if so, by when the work is likely to be started and the amount earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT) : (a) to (c) Yes Sir, several State Governments are planning biotech parks in different cities. There is no plan as of now to establish such park in Ludhiana.

Poly-Herbal Formulation for Asthmatic Patients

2107. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, a laboratory under the control of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, has developed a poly-herbal formulation for asthmatic patients;